

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“___”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“—”) being deleted:

21. – 40. (Canceled)

41. (New) A method, at an enhanced notification server, for notification of messages comprising:

receiving a notification from a first message server, wherein the notification includes information related to an incoming message that is intended for a subscriber, wherein the notification further includes a first identification associating the subscriber with the first message server;

determining at least one user preference setting, wherein the at least one user preference setting indicates whether the subscriber desires to receive the incoming message with the notification;

mapping the first identification to a second identification, wherein the second identification associates the subscriber with a second message server;

querying the second message server using the second identification, to determine availability of the subscriber on a communications device associated with the second message server; and

forwarding the notification to the communications device in response to a determination that the user is available on communications device.

42. (New) The method of claim 41, further comprising queuing the incoming message for a later delivery in response to a determination that user is currently not available on the communications device.

43. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the first message server is a voicemail server.

44. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the information related to an incoming messages includes one or more of the following: an identity of a sender of the incoming message, a date of the incoming message, a time of the incoming message, an a size of the incoming message.

45. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the second message server is an instant messaging presence server.

46. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the communications device is an instant messaging client.

47. (New) The method of claim 41, further comprising, in response to a determination that the at least one user preference setting indicates that the subscriber prefers to receive the incoming message with the notification, attaching the incoming message to the notification.

48. (New) An enhanced notification server configured to:
receive a notification from a first message server, wherein the notification includes information related to an incoming message that is intended for a subscriber, wherein the notification further includes a first identification associating the subscriber with the first message server;

determine at least one user preference setting, wherein the at least one user preference setting indicates whether the subscriber desires to receive the incoming message with the notification;

map the first identification to a second identification, wherein the second identification associates the subscriber with a second message server;

query the second message server using the second identification, to determine availability of the subscriber on a communications device associated with the second message server; and

forward the notification to the communications device in response to a determination that the user is available on communications device.

49. (New) The server of claim 48, further configured to queue the incoming message for later delivery in response to a determination that user is currently not available on the communications device.

50. (New) The server of claim 48, wherein the first message server is a voicemail server.

51. (New) The server of claim 48, wherein the information related to an incoming messages includes at least one of the following: an identity of a sender of the incoming message, a date of the incoming message, a time of the incoming message, an a size of the incoming message.

52. (New) The server of claim 48, wherein the second message server is an instant messaging presence server.

53. (New) The server of claim 48, wherein the communications device is an instant messaging client.

54. (New) The server of claim 48, further configured to, in response to a determination that the at least one user preference setting indicates that the subscriber prefers to receive the incoming message with the notification, attach the incoming message to the notification.

55. (New) A method, at an enhanced notification server, for notification of messages comprising:

receiving a notification from a first message server, wherein the notification includes information related to an incoming message that is intended for a subscriber, wherein the notification further includes a first identification associating the subscriber with the first message server;

mapping the first identification to a second identification, wherein the second identification associates the subscriber with a second message server;

querying the second message server, using the second identification, to determine availability of the subscriber on a communications device associated with the second message server;

forwarding the notification to the communications device in response to a determination that the user is available on the communications device, wherein the notification includes a query of whether the subscriber desires to receive the incoming message via the second message server; and

in response to receiving an indication that the subscriber desires to receive the incoming message via the second messaging server, retrieving the incoming message from the first messaging server.

56. (New) The method of claim 41, further comprising queuing the incoming message for later delivery in response to a determination that user is currently not available on the communications device.

57. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the first message server is a voicemail server.

58. (New) The method of claim 41, further comprising forwarding the retrieved incoming message to the second messaging server.

59. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the second message server is an instant messaging presence server.

60. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the communications device is an instant messaging client.